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## 04/20/2011 Minutes

VISION 2020 ENVIRONMENT TASK GROUP  
 APRIL 20, 2011 MEETING (approved, May 19, 2011)

SUSTAINABLE ARLINGTON  
 Senior Center

**In attendance:** Mary Gilbert, Elizabeth Karpati, David Landskov, Michelle Lemp, Gail McCormick, Charlotte Milan, Anne Orens, Vanessa Rule, Scott Samenfeld, Michael Wilson.

**Facilitator:** Charlotte Milan

**Minutes:** Elizabeth Karpati

**Next meetings:** Thurs. May 19, Wed. June 15, Thurs. July 21, Wed. Aug. 17, Thurs. Sept. 15, Wed. Oct. 19, Thurs. Nov. 17, Wed. Dec. 14; 7:30 p.m. in Senior Center.

- The minutes of the previous meeting were approved with one correction (meeting place).

### Announcements:

- The Sunlight Solar presentation will be held at the Senior Center on May 17 (details later). It is now possible to rent rather than to buy solar systems.
- Arlington tried to get one of the "Mass Solarize" pilot projects but was not chosen,
- A forum on the "Belmont Uplands" development proposal will be held on April 28 at 7:30 p.m. at Temple Beth-El, Belmont. Questions on how this project will affect Arlington will need to be asked.
- On April 30, 9-1, there will be a cleanup all along the bikepath in Arlington.
- May 7, 9-1, is the date for the "Trails Day" cleanup on the path between Spy Pond and Rt. 2.
- May 7 is also the DPW's collection day for recyclables and usable clothing.
- On May 14, items free for the taking can be put out along the curb.

### Presentation by Vanessa Rule from Somerville Climate Action:

- "Climate Summer" is a program that will have teams of students biking around New England doing projects and raising awareness about climate change. A team of six is scheduled to be in Arlington July 19-24 and will look for local solutions; the program will build a database of local projects for moving away from fossil fuels, environmental justice, and the like. They are looking for our cooperation with the following:
  - Local projects they can work on while they are here.
  - Organizing a community meeting for interested people and groups.
  - A list of people, including politicians, to talk to and help in setting up meetings with them.
  - Events where they can do outreach, e.g. the Farmers' Market.
- David will serve as contact; Gail and Scott will help.

### Project updates:

- Compost: The survey on the website has had about 370 responses so far. Usually the website has 450 to 500 monthly visitors; this month it has had over 1000. Advertising the survey again should get even more responses. Cost of curbside compost bins could be reduced if several families shared one.

- PAYT: The Selectmen decided that considering it together with an override would be too complicated, so PAYT won't come up for a vote until next year.
- Bus shelters are on hold – the Selectmen signed a contract with Cemusa but the latter is not putting up any new shelters now because advertising is down.
- EcoFest went well. The planning committee wants SA to take a bigger role next year and is looking for a theme. Gail's art exhibit on the second floor of Town Hall will be up until May 23.
- Film series: attendance for the three films was 18, 23, and 20.
- The rain garden will be located in Spy Pond Park.
- The Grow Native group wants to ask local nurseries to do better labeling of native plants.
- SA presented a "Resilient Planet" art award to three fifth-graders for their "Images of Arlington."
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